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Village industries.—Twenty-five vertical charkas and 110 lb. cotton lint were distributed free and 25 beehives introduced.

Education.—Six new elementary schools and one adult school were opened; one school building was constructed and four were improved and extended.

Co-operation.—Two new societies were organized and 139 new members enrolled.

Communications.—Three miles of roads, two foot bridges and two culverts were constructed.

Irrigation.—One tank was improved and one pump set introduced.

Miscellaneous.—One community hall was also constructed.

In addition to the above four causeway works, one road work and one foot bridge, one school building, levelling of a school playground, and construction of a community hall had been sanctioned and were in progress.

	RS.	A.	P.
(c) Total cost of works	27,321	2	0
[Grant paid	5,771	2	0
Value of contributions collected	21,550	0	0]
Establishment charges	9,417	13	0"

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" Sir, has it been brought to the notice of the Government that works, particularly under communications, are delayed because the Highways Department is understaffed and it is also over-worked on account of the various responsibilities saddled on to it and that delays can be avoided only by sanctioning the necessary additional staff both under the Community Project as well as the National Extension Service Schemes in South Kanara district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I shall look into the matter in consultation with the Hon. the Minister for Public Works."

Number of Malayalee N.G.Os. in the Secretariat and Commercial Taxes Department.

* 586 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of Non-Gazetted Officers in the

(i) Commercial Taxes Department; and

(ii) Secretariat Departments

whose mother-tongue is Malayalam?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There are 197 Non-Gazetted Officers in the Commercial Taxes Department and 161 Non-Gazetted Officers in the Secretariat Departments, whose mother-tongue is Malayalam."

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, may I know whether the rules regarding language tests for appointments and promotions in the commercial departments as well as other non commercial departments of the Government are also applicable to the Commercial Taxes Department? Because on the last occasion when answering a similar question on the floor of this House the Hon. the Minister for Finance said that after the partition of the State these rules will be implemented and steps will be taken as early as possible to implement them. I want to know whether these are being implemented now."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I was wondering why the hon. Member, Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar, had put his original question. It would have been better had he put his supplementary question as a specific question. I am sorry I do not have that information now."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to submit figures concerning the people whose mother tongue is Tamil or Telugu in regard to the Commercial Taxes Department and the Secretariat Departments? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member can put a separate question."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, may I konw how many officers of the Revenue Department in the South Arcot district have not been taken in the Commercial Tax Department even though they had applied for posts in that department? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member can put a separate question."

Assignment of lands to Harijans in Ponnani taluk.

* 587 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any applications were received from the Harijans and fishermen of Manathana, Ponnani taluk, for the assignment of the Government poramboke lands, for purposes of cultivation; and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that those lands were given for cultivation instead to certain influential and rich persons of that place?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI O. KORAN :—" Sir, may I know whether poramboke lands have been given for cultivation in any other village near Chowghat to rich and influential persons in preference to Harijans who applied for them? "